Numb. 5699

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Saturday November 29. to Tuesday December 2. 1718.

Dreſden, November 30.

LEtters from Grodno of the 16th Inſtant give an Account, that on the 12th the Marſhal of the Dyet propoſed to the Deputies of the Nobility, the paſſing a Reſolution for confirming the laſt Treaty of Pacification made at Warſaw; upon which a Debate aroſe, ſome urging that the Authority of the Great Generals of the Army was too much reſtrained by that Treaty, and that ſome Alteration ought to be made in the Method of levying the Taxes in the Palatinates for the Payment of the Army: But moſt of the Deputies inſiſting upon the Confirmation of the Treaty intire, that Point was carried. In the Seſſions held the 14th, the raiſing of the Poſpolite Ruſzenie, that is, the Ban or Militia of the Kingdom, upon any Emergency, was reſolved upon, and it was left intirely to the King's Diſpoſition to ſummon the ſaid Militia to appear in Arms whenever he ſhall think fit. A Reſolution paſſed likewiſe, for preſerving the Freedom of voting in ſucceding Dyets. And laſtly, a Vote paſſed for the Dyet's meeting again after a ſhort Adjournment, to conſult what may be proper to be done upon the Anſwer the Czar ſhall give to the Letter lately writtten to him to deſire him to withdraw his Troops out of Poland. The 14th at Night, the King being ſeated on his Throne, in the Chamber of the Senators, the Deputies of the Nobility were ſent for thither, and their forementioned Reſolutions being preſented to his Majeſty, and read, the Primate of the Kingdom took Exception to that for raiſing the Militia, becauſe it obliged the Clergy to contribute their Part to the neceſſary Expence on ſuch an Occaſion. He was ſeconded by the Biſhop of Warmia, both of them inſiſting on the Immunities of the Church, and the Exemption of the Clergy from the ſaid Charge. But the Deputies anſwered, that the greateſt Part of the Lands of Poland and Lithuania belong to the Church, and that as thoſe Eſtates were properly Donations and Benefactions beſtowed by the Republick on the Clergy, it was but reaſonable they ſhould contribute to the Means of Preſerving the State in a Caſe of common Danger: And therefore they would not admit of any Alteration in that Reſolution. The Primate made a Proteſtation againſt it, and withdrew. But the ſaid Reſolution, and the others above-mentioned, were approved by the Senators, and received the Royal Aſſent; only the Time and Place of re-aſſembling the Dyet, was referred abſolutely to the King. The Palatine of Maſovia was named by his Majeſty to go Ambaſſadour to the Czar. And then the Dyet broke up.

Hague, Dec. 6. The Deputies of the Towns which have Seſſion among the States of the Province of Holland, ſeparated laſt Week to go and conſult their reſpective Principals, and to receive their final Inſtructions on the Affairs now under their Conſideration; and the States of the ſaid Province being re-aſſembled to Day, the Reſult of their Deliberations is expected. The Inſtruments of the new Convention for the Execution of the Barrier-Treaty being engroſſed, have been delivered to the Miniſters of the ſeveral Parties concerned therein, that they may examine the ſame in order to their meeting to ſign. Baron Heems, the Emperour's Miniſter, fell ſick ſome Days ago, and is now ſo ill that his Life is deſpaired of. The two Frigates which are to ſail from the Texel to cruiſe upon the Swediſh Privateers and other Shipping, carry one of them 54 Guns, and the other 32.

Bayone,